

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Attorney General Troy King is not perfect and therefore should resign and let one of our many perfect wannabe AGs take over! At least that is what some Alabama citizens and several of our good friends in the newspaper business are demanding. Gosh, it is good for our hungry family that yours truly doesn't work for any of them... "a mistake and you are out of here". True, Troy made a mistake, what now looks like a glaring mistake. It was not his first and surely will not be his last. We have openly disagreed with him on a couple of occasions, but not to the point of wanting his head. In the case this time he reportedly asked a favor of Roy Johnson, then head of the two year college system which the AG's office was investigating. Just asked him to please find a position for the wife of an assistant AG. A lot of folks recommend friends, co-workers, etc. for a particular job. Most of us would do such if it would be of help. However it is not real smart, and surely not good politics, in the position the AG is in as the head of the department investigating the man. Detective novels and movies are full of requests for favors that are thinly veiled overtones for bribes and are often accepted as such, at least in the story books. Even if neither party looked at it as bribery, it just doesn't look good and Troy King has admitted as much and stepped aside from leading the investigation. Yet as often happens when a public figure stumbles, a lot of folks smelled blood and wanted it to be Troy King's head on the chopping block. No fear, Mr. King will survive this event and will be a better person and a better public official because of it.

Elba Mayor James Grimes mentioned a few positive happenings for Elba at the Monday evening council meeting. Things are looking up for the community. Of course the new coffee bean roasting company coming to town was on the list. He also gave a positive update on the Dorsey Trailer bankruptcy proceedings. There is a new watch repair business in town with the reopening of The Jewel Box by a couple who moved in here from Arizona. He also commented about correspondence with a family planning to move to Elba this summer from down in Florida. They have already purchased property so this is not just a "possible" new citizen for the area.

Also mentioned was the long running battle with FEMA over the four laning of U. S. 84 through Elba. The mayor told council members of recent correspondence with the Alabama Highway Department and FEMA which gives renewed hope that this problem was about to be resolved in a way that is positive for Elba and the future of U. S. 84. Now our hopes are not soaring on this point, as we have been there before.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, investigated the following incidents: two for theft of property, one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one drug overdose, one vehicle incident, one domestic violence, one contributing to a minor, one sodomy, one public intoxication, one theft and one incident. The following arrests were made: two for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, two for theft of property, nine for failure to appear, one for domestic violence and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for speeding, one for no insurance and one for not wearing a seat belt.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, DEC. 4 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20079 Hwy. 189 (5:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1676 County Rd. 409 (5:17 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 5 - Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1727 Hwy. 166 (4:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 563 County Rd. 239 (11:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 130 County Rd. 407 (2:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 109 (8:25 p.m.); Report of a gun possibly being discharged near 710 Kennedy Dr. (9:00 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 -

Rep. Terry Spicer and Sen. Jimmy Holley announce funding for two local projects

State Representative Terry Spicer and State Senator Jimmy Holley said today that the Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation has approved more than \$1.6 million to fund two construction and resurfacing projects in Coffee County and the City of Enterprise.

According to the Alabama Department of Transportation, IARBC has committed \$900,900 to resurface County Road 11 from Alabama 167 to County Road 138. The project will benefit Wayne Farms, Inc. in Coffee County.

IARBC also approved \$750,000 for construction of an

access road between Yancey Parker Industrial Park and Selma Road in Enterprise. That project will benefit HSAA, Inc. and Enterprise Paper and Janitorial, Inc.

Holley County and the City of Enterprise will be responsible for the costs of preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchase, utility costs, and any project cost overruns.

"We are extremely appreciative to the Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation for funding these projects," said Spicer. "This money will provide much needed access to three very important companies in Coffee County."

Holley echoed those remarks.

"The companies provide jobs to many residents of Coffee County and the City of Enterprise," said Holley. "We're always pleased to assist in helping them improve their ability to provide their services."

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Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1460 County Rd. 109 (5:07 a.m.); Prowler reported at 706 Putnam St. (8:15 p.m.); Flight in progress reported at the Beaver Dam Apts. (10:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Beaver Dam Apts. (10:53 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 7 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1115 County Rd. 215 (1:29 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 353 Brunson Circle (9:18 p.m.); Wreck reported on Old Samson Rd. (10:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Old Samson Rd. (10:40 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 8 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 752 Phildale (2:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (6:38 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 741 Smith Ave. (8:54 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire at 339 County Rd. 359 (10:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9848 Hwy. 125 (11:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1615 Martin Luther King Dr. (12:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 29508 Hwy. 87 N. (2:33 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 804 Cedar Lane Dr. (3:15 p.m.); SUNDAY, DEC. 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 898 Claxton Ave. (1:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3946 County Rd. 205 (5:13 p.m.); Prowler reported at 826 County Rd. 401 (11:41 p.m.).

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Elba Public Library extends silent auction

The deadline to place a bid on artwork submitted for the silent auction at the Elba Public Library has been extended until Wednesday, Dec. 20. Those interested in artwork including paintings like the one shown above should stop by the library between now and Dec. 20th. All of the donated pieces of art were created by

local citizens. The items will make for great Christmas presents, and, at the same time, you help support the local library.

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Obituaries

BETTY LOU DURGA

Mrs. Betty Lou Durga, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006 at her home in Elba.

Graveside services were held Dec. 11, 2006 at Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Randall Pearson officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Durga was preceded in death by her husband Leonard Louis Durga.

Survivors include three sons: Jerry (wife Cindy) Durga and Bruce Durga, both of Elba, Larry (wife Irma) Durga, Milford, Mich.; one daughter: Lynn Baird, Jacksonboro, Tenn.; one sister-in-law: Darren Baird, Jacksonboro; three sisters, one brother, eight grand-

children and five great-grandchildren.

JEREMY BRUCE PARRISH
Mr. Jeremy Bruce Parrish, age 37, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Matt Gray officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Parrish was preceded in death by his grandfather, William Eugene Parrish; and an aunt, Glenda Weeks.

Survivors include his mother: Jean Parrish Spurlin; his father: Joe Spurlin; two brothers: Byron Parrish and Shane Spurlin; his grandmothers: Ollie Parrish and Faye Spurlin; two nephews: Joseph Parrish and Michael Spurlin; and a niece: Courtney Parrish, all of Elba.

JAMES COLLEY MARTIN
Mr. James Colley Martin, age 87, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006 in Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Dec. 11, 2006 at the Searcy Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Doster and Pastor Johnny Bryant officiating. Burial followed in Meadowlawn Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Pauline Brown Martin, Enterprise; one son: James Douglas (wife Elaine) Martin Sr., Elba; an identical twin brother: Fleming Martin, Enterprise; his brother: Murray (wife Edna) Martin, Enterprise; four grandchildren: Gina

Smith (husband David) Pickering, Smith Station, Ala.; James Douglas (wife Betsy) Martin Jr., Melissa A. Martin, both of Elba, Marty (wife Nicole) Purcell, Daleville, Ala.; five great-grandchildren: Hanna Rebecca Martin, James Douglas "Trey" Martin III, William Griffin Martin, Amme Elena McCormick and Martin Edward McCormick, all of Elba.

PATRICIA GUYTON
Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Guyton died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 in Austin, Texas, ending her courageous 3-year battle with cancer.

Pat was born Jan. 20, 1944 at Fort Rucker, Ala. Some of her growing up years were spent in Elba, attending school there, while her father, Lt. Col. (Ret.) James E.

Reeves served in the Army overseas.

A Memorial Service was held Nov. 25, 2006 at Bethany United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lt. Col. (Ret.) James E. Reeves; two brothers, Jimmy and Johnny Reeves; and a sister, Rhonda Reeves.

Survivors include her husband, Tom; mother, Rena Reeves, children, Jeff Walker and Julie Walker; daughter-in-law and grandson, Tina and Matthew Walker; stepchildren, Joe (Olympia); Jeremy (Toni) and Ben Guyton and Ben's fiancé, Amella Swesthardt; three step-grandchildren; her special cousin, Nancy Harrison, Austin; aunts, Lorene Roberson, Brundidge, Jean Scarborough and Rosa Coon, both of Elba; Ivy Harrison, Panama City, Fla., and Maxine Bowdoin, Lumberton, N.C.; and her uncle, Orlo Johnson, Elba.

VONCILE SPURLOCK SANDERS

Mrs. Voncile Spurlock Sanders, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Monday night, Dec. 11, 2006, at the Elba Nursing Home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home.

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Charles Dickens reading A Christmas Carol. Courtesy of Tipton and Fries, 1868 through Mount Royal College.

Calvin Coolidge, U.S. President December 25, 1927

Scrooge & Marley's Ghost. Original drawing from A Christmas Carol, 1843. Courtesy of the University of Glasgow.

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Dickens: The Man Who Invented Christmas
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Teacher Spotlight

by Ashton Rodriguez



This week's Teacher Spotlight focuses on **Sonya McLaughlin**. She teaches math and science at Elba High.

Mrs. McLaughlin is a graduate of Troy University, and she has been teaching for 15 years. She previously taught at George W. Long School (Skipperville) and Dale County H.S. (Midland City).

She is the proud wife of Charles McLaughlin, with whom she has two sons, Justin (a ninth grader at EHS) and Nick (a seventh grader at EHS).

Not only does Mrs. McLaughlin do a great job at teaching, she has other interests as well. She can be seen at many Elba Tiger sporting events cheering on her sons and fellow Tigers.

When not busy with sports, Mrs. McLaughlin likes to go hunting and fishing, or do sewing and painting. Mrs. McLaughlin is definitely a woman of many talents.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows

J.V. basketball action continues

by Tierney Starks

The J.V. basketball teams played against Opp on Monday Dec. 4, and Geneva on Tuesday Dec. 5.

Monday night started off with the seventh grade boys playing their last game against Opp. They came out with a loss, 26-24, but ended the season with one loss and seven wins.

The second game of the night was the seventh and eighth grade girls. They lost to Opp,

16-31, but their season is still underway. The last game of the night was with eighth grade boys, and this team defeated the Opp Bobcats, 27-25.

On Tuesday, the first game of the night against the Geneva Panthers was the seventh and eighth grade girls. They lost to the Panthers, 12-30.

The last game was the eighth grade boys, which came out on top winning 29-27.

Varsity basketball season continues with mixed results

by Melanie Mularz

The Elba Tigers hosted the Kinston Bulldogs in a very tough battle Thursday, Nov. 30. The Tigers held on tight and were able to pull off the victory with a crazy 71-62 win.

Gavin Respress scored first for the game and brought the Tigers ahead 2-0. Midway through the quarter the Tigers were leading 6-2 only to see the Dogs tie the game 6-6. A free-throw shot by Jordan Bryant and an 11-2 run by the Tigers ended the quarter with the Tigers in the lead over the Bulldogs 16-8.

In the second quarter the Bulldogs went on a 10-0 run, followed by a shot by Elba's Trey Belcher and two free-throw shots by Eric Butts. The Tigers went into halftime with a 31-24 lead.

Jason Mitchell scored quickly in the third to up the lead 36-24, but the Bulldogs didn't back down.

The Tigers fought hard the whole quarter, but they were unable to cut the lead until late in the last minute of the game. With a 6 out of 10 free-throw connection by the Tigers they were able to stretch it out and pull out the win as the buzzer sounded.

Jason Mitchell led the Tigers with 12 points and Gavin Respress followed with 11.

The Lady Tigers got their first win against Zion Chapel two weeks but were unable to keep the wins coming as they fell to the Lady Bulldogs, 57-14 on Thursday, Nov. 30.

Elba's Leanna Henderson scored toward the end of the first quarter to get in the Tiger's on the scoreboard, but the bas-

ket only cut the Dogs lead by 4. A shot by Jenae Carnley added more points to the board but not enough.

The Tiger's suffered an agonizing loss to the Kinston Bulldogs; however, after some tough practices they will be able to hopefully end the season strong. Leanna Henderson scored 4 points. Janae Carnley had 5, Keke Oliver had 3, and Ashley Carpenter scored 2.

The Varsity Tigers traveled to Luverne on Friday, Dec. 1, and found little to cheer about as both teams came home with a loss.

The Varsity Boys fell behind early and were never able to challenge Luverne for the rest of the game. The Elba Tigers got the loss at a 71-46 defeat with Gavin Respress scoring 22 of those points.

The Lady Tigers also fell behind quickly and were unable to recover with a 71-40 loss. Ashley Carpenter led the team with the few points that were scored with 8 points, followed by Leanna Henderson with 7, and Janae Carnley with 6.

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On Wednesday, Dec. 6, the Elba High Sr. Beta Club held a drawing for their Christmas ornaments.

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EES opens Santa Store for students

by Sydney Brunson

Christmas is the season of giving, and EES students have been given a great opportunity to give through the Santa Store. The Santa Store is open to all students during their P.E. time, for the last school weeks before Christmas break. The store, run by parents and grandparents, is filled with many different gift items from coffee mugs to picture frames.

Most of the gifts are in the range of 1-\$5, perfect for kids. The store's purpose is to not only offer children gifts but to also teach them about the responsibility of handling money.

School counselor Lynn Baker has said the store has been a great success.

Several first grade students search for gifts at the Santa Store.

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• REMINDER - FRIDAY DEC. 15 - SCHOOL WILL LET OUT AT 11:20 a.m.

Journalism Spotlight

by Clara Burrows



This week's Journalism Spotlight is **Erica Daniell**.

Erica is the 16-year-old daughter of Merle Daniels and Jesse Whitfield. Her favorite thing to do in journalism is to work on articles for "Tiger Tales" and working on the yearbook.

Erica's hobbies include spending time with her family, shopping, talking on the phone, and hanging out with friends. She describes herself as crazy, cool, and wild.

Her future plans after graduation are to attend college and major in the medical field.

Drawing held for Sr. Beta ornament

by Yoquesha Terry

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FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

Students name their favorite teachers

by Brandon Bell

All through high school, students have classes and teachers they like more than others. Some teachers make the subjects they teach more fun and exciting, making the student

want to learn more. Here is what students have to say about who their favorite teacher is and why:

Rob Driggers (8th Grade) - Mrs. Barnhill is my most favorite teacher because she can act like a big kid and she is really funny.

Anna Kilpatrick (9th Grade) - Mr. Barreto is my favorite. He is very funny, easy to talk to and get along with.

Anna Beth Sawyer (10th Grade) - My Favorite teacher is Coach Crosby. He would do anything in the world for his students. I'm not the best science student, but he makes the subject fun.

Chelsea Smith (10th Grader) - I really like Ms. Wilkins. She has strong views and opinions and she's not afraid to share it with those who need to hear it.

Daniel Kelley (11th Grader) - Ms. Wilkins is my favorite. Despite the fact that she is always on my case, I still wholeheartedly believe that she cares. It's almost like a challenge to enjoy her company, but I do enjoy a good challenge. It is also just fun to mess with her.

Monica Largess (11th Grader) - Mrs. Bruce is my favorite. I would say that because she tries to help us learn, not just to pass a test.



7TH GRADE BOYS...(front, 1 to r) Keanthony Newsome, Keith Stephens and Josh McDaniel; (middle, 1 to r) Brakin Hutto, Brandon Carpenter, Adam Bryant, Ryan Boop; and (back) Coach Daniel Lamb.



8TH GRADE BOYS...(front, 1 to r) Jake Vaughan, John Morgan, Garrett Potete and Jamar Jackson; (back, 1 to r) Brandon Farnon, Coach Daniel Lamb and Rob Driggers.

Meet a Student

by Amy Hill

New Brockton High School has welcomed many new students this year, including Junior Cory Kochakian. Cory has recently moved from Florida to Georgia and now Alabama. I had a little time to meet up with Cory in between classes and get some information on this skate-board loving fellow.

Here's what Cory had to say: Q: Are you finding this year an easy one? Why or why not?

A: "Yes, everyone is nice and helpful; plus I'm an easy person to get along with."

Q: Describe yourself in three words.

A: "Out of all the words, I'd have to choose cool, nice, and crazy."

Q: If you were stranded on an island, what one thing would you bring?

A: "If that were to ever happen and I just had to choose one, I'd have to choose my entertainment and that's my skateboard."

Q: What's your favorite movie?

A: "Elementary Volume 1"

Q: What kind of music do you like to listen to?

A: "Rap and all rock"

Q: Describe the most interesting place you've ever lived.

A: "Miami. The beach is great - blue skies and nice people."

Q: If you could travel to a different time, to what era would you travel and why?

A: "To the seventies, so I could meet the Z-Boys and skateboard with them."

Q: If you could solve any problem in the world what would it be?

A: "The hunger problem."

Q: Do you have a pet peeve?

A: "No, not really."

Q: What three qualities do you look for in a friend?

A: "Well I look for a lot, but they have to be cool, nice, and have some skateboarding skills."

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: "I'd have to say a mixture of skateboarding, listening to music, and playing video games."

Q: If you could choose two famous people to be your par-



Junior Cory Kochakian recently transferred to NBHS

ents who would they be and why?

A: "My dad would be Bam Margera and my mom would be Pink because Bam is crazy and he skateboards and Pink is beautiful and can sing."



VARSITY BOYS...(front, 1 to r) Tevin McNair, Luke Simmons and Alex McNair; (middle, 1 to r) Courtney Foster, Shane Griswold, Charlie Chinn and Dadrion Johnson; (back, 1 to r) Coach Robbie Kinsaul, Justin Flowers, Ronnie Vasser, Dominique Muhammad and Damiatus Shipp.



JR. HIGH GIRLS...(front, 1 to r) manager Savannah Ellis, Ja'Mich Dunn, Kayla Purvis and manager Audrey Johnson; (middle, 1 to r) Heather Hendrix, Lynn Kerrigan, Lyndsey Foster, Kaitlyn Crosby and Chelsey Holloway; (back 1 to r) Kimberly Stephenson, Hailey Lindsey, Aubrey Baer, Angela Marshall, Kaitlyn Turner and Coach Lougner Wyrosdick.



VARSITY GIRLS...(front, 1 to r) Kiwanja Neal, Alexa Adams, Valerie Hutcherson, Vanna Marshall and Monica Largess; (middle, 1 to r) Britney Eubanks, Ebonee Muhammad, Alex Lee and Meka Hamilton; (back, 1 to r) Abby Dunaway, Anna Beth Sawyer, Coach Morgan Boyd, Rachel Barrett and Hannah Dueitt.



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SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We got the Christmas tree up last week and things are beginning to look at least a little like Christmas at the Mularz house. We went through our annual battle with the lights and had to buy a few extra strands, while we never did find a couple of boxes with bulbs and figures of Santa Claus. Oh well, the tree did finally get finished and now lights the living room, and maybe now that the girls are all home even Dad will get in the Christmas spirit.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers saw their record slip to 4-3 last week with a Saturday night loss to Luverne, and after three weeks of action the guess here is the Tigers will win against teams it can out-quick and lose to teams that have more athletes. Elba has a deep bench and gets in all its players every time it takes the court, and while that may pay dividends against some opponents, against others it does little but allow the young players to gain some experience. There is a lot of basketball left on the schedule and there is no doubt Elba's players will give one-hundred percent in every game. However, it will take their best and then some for the Tigers to be big winners.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers got blown out twice last week as their record slipped to 1-6 and it looks like the Elba girls may be headed for a long season. The Lady Tigers played hard in both losses and never gave up, but simply don't have the experience or talent needed to win on a consistent basis. I believe the girls will improve as the season rolls along and steal a few wins along the way, but this season will be a learning experience for the young ladies from Elba High.

*** It was a quiet week for the county teams, at least until Friday night when the Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Pleasant Home and a wrestling match broke out in the middle of the boys' varsity contest. I talked with an official that worked the game and he stated the fight on the court resulted in a total of eight ejections, and that fans even came out of the bleachers and got involved before order could be restored. The same two teams had an ugly incident last season at Pleasant Home, and the time may have come for the two rivals to meet and settle their differences in front of the Alabama High School Athletic Association and not on the court.

*** The Super Six high school football finals were held last weekend in Birmingham and teams from the South took home four of the six state titles. Sweet Water, Leroy and Pike County swept the small school crowns in 1A-3A, while Prattville stunned perennial power Hoover to claim the 6A crown. The North did get to keep two titles as Guntersville slipped by Thomasville 28-27 and Eufaula lost to Athens 10-7. However, the South rose again last weekend and proved that country boys still know how to play the game.

*** Alabama's coaching search took yet another detour when West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez snubbed the Tide's six year offer for over \$12 million. Word had broken late in the week that the two sides had reached an agreement, but Rodriguez had a change of heart and left Alabama standing at the altar. I know I have been calling for a change at the top for years, but last week's embarrassment had to make it clear that Athletic Director Mal Moore simply cannot get the job done. There is no doubt Alabama needs to find a good head football coach as soon as possible, but after it gets that position filled I hope the officials at Tuscaloosa will finally go out and try to find a new athletic director that can lead the University into the future with pride and dignity.

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Elba Tigers roll past Zion Chapel Rebels 72-43

The Elba Tigers made it a clean sweep over their neighbors from across the county last Tuesday night by posting a 72-43 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Elba came out ready to play against the Rebels and jumped out to a 14-5 first quarter lead, then picked up the pace on the offensive end of the court in the second quarter as the Tigers went in at intermission with a big 34-16 advantage. Elba continued to pull away in the third quarter as its lead grew to 52-27, and the Tigers easily held on in the final stanza as they claimed their second win in two weeks over Zion Chapel.

Aaron Harrison scored 13 points to lead the Elba scoring parade, while Tim Geddings scored 15 points to lead Zion Chapel and Adam Carter added 12.

EL 14 20 18 20 - 72
ZC 5 11 11 16 - 43

Elba Lady Tigers stumble and fall in big 63-30 loss to Zion Chapel

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Zion Chapel looking to complete a season sweep over their rivals from across the county, but ran head first into a fired-up army of Lady Rebels and never had a chance in a lopsided 63-30 defeat. The Lady Tigers trailed 17-7 after one quarter of play, then saw the Lady Rebels run away and hide in the second stanza as Zion Chapel outscored Elba 20-6 to open up a big 37-13 advantage. The Lady Tigers settled down in the third quarter and cut into the lead slightly as they pulled within 47-24, but they

never really challenged as the Lady Rebels rolled to the 63-30 home win. Keke Oliver scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Torie Hodge scored 21 points and Jennifer Taylor added 19 to lead Zion Chapel.

ZC 17 20 10 14 - 63
EL 7 6 11 6 - 30

Z.C. (63): Lewis 10, Taylor 6, Parrish 2, Hodge 21, Wilson 7, Reeves 2, Goodson 2.

Elba (30): Henderson 9, Carpenter 4, Oliver 10, Carnley 6, Caldwell 1.

Tigers swept by Luverne, again

Elba hosted Luverne Saturday night in a rematch of last week's clash of arch-rivals, and while the site was different, the results were the same as Luverne rolled to three big wins to complete the season sweep on the basketball court.

Following are highlights from the three games:

Varsity Boys
Luverne 64
Elba 42

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 64-42 home loss to the Luverne Tigers, Saturday night in Elba.

Elba took an early 3-2 lead on a basket by Trey Belcher and a free-throw by Jordan McBride, but saw Luverne outscore the Tigers 10-2 over the final six minutes of the opening quarter as the visitors from Crenshaw County opened up a 12-5 advantage.

The Tigers went almost four minutes without scoring a point in the second quarter, and Luverne took advantage of Elba's cold shooting to extend its lead to 20-5 with 4:52 remaining in the stanza. Gavin Respress finally changed the score for the Tigers with a 31 left in the quarter, but it made little difference as Elba went in at the half trailing 24-11.

The Tigers came out ready to play in the third quarter, and sparked by the play of Gavin Respress and Jason Mitchell rallied to pull within 28-21 with 5:40 remaining in the stanza.

Elba got as close as 30-24 on a three-pointer by Mitchell with 4:41 left on the clock and appeared ready to make another run at their opponents. However, Luverne regained command late and outscored the Tigers 13-7 down the stretch to carry a 43-31 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Elba saw its deficit grow to 47-31 early in the fourth quarter after two early Luverne buckets, and never got any closer than twelve points the rest of the game as they dropped the 64-42 decision to see their record slip to 4-3 on the season.

Trey Belcher scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Marco Jones scored 17 points and Stony Jackson added 12 for Luverne.

Luverne (64): Harris 3, Hawkins 5, Jackson 7, Jones 17, May 8, Lowery 9, S. Jackson 12, B. Harris 2, Clayton 1.
Elba (42): Respress 5, Mitchell 5, Harrison 4, Butts 1, Bryant 3, Belcher 12, Morris 6, Tillis 1, McBride 5.

Varsity Girls
Luverne 69
Elba 35

Elba (72): Hudson 6, Respress 6, Mitchell 5, Harrison 13, Butts 7, Bryant 8, Belcher 6, Morris 9, Tillis 4, Frazier 6, McBride 2.
Z.C. (43): Carter 12, Geddings 15, Stephens 7, Brunson 2, Tidwell 2, Lambert 2, Nelson 2, Songsapuli 1.

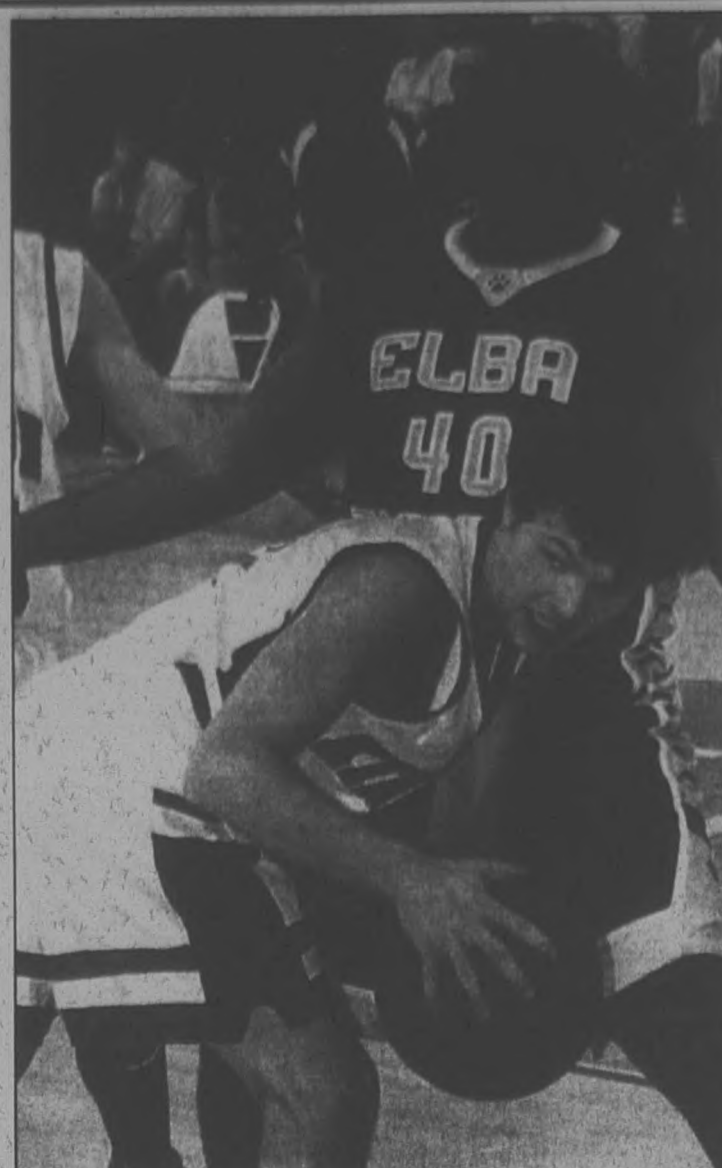
(JV Boys)

The Elba JV Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back as they rolled to a 53-13 win over Zion Chapel. The Tigers jumped out to an early 13-2 lead and extended their lead to 28-6 by the end of the second quarter, then coasted in with the easy win on the road.

Justin McLaughlin scored 13 points and Aaron Cole added 10 to lead Elba, while Justin Winters led Zion Chapel with 5 points.

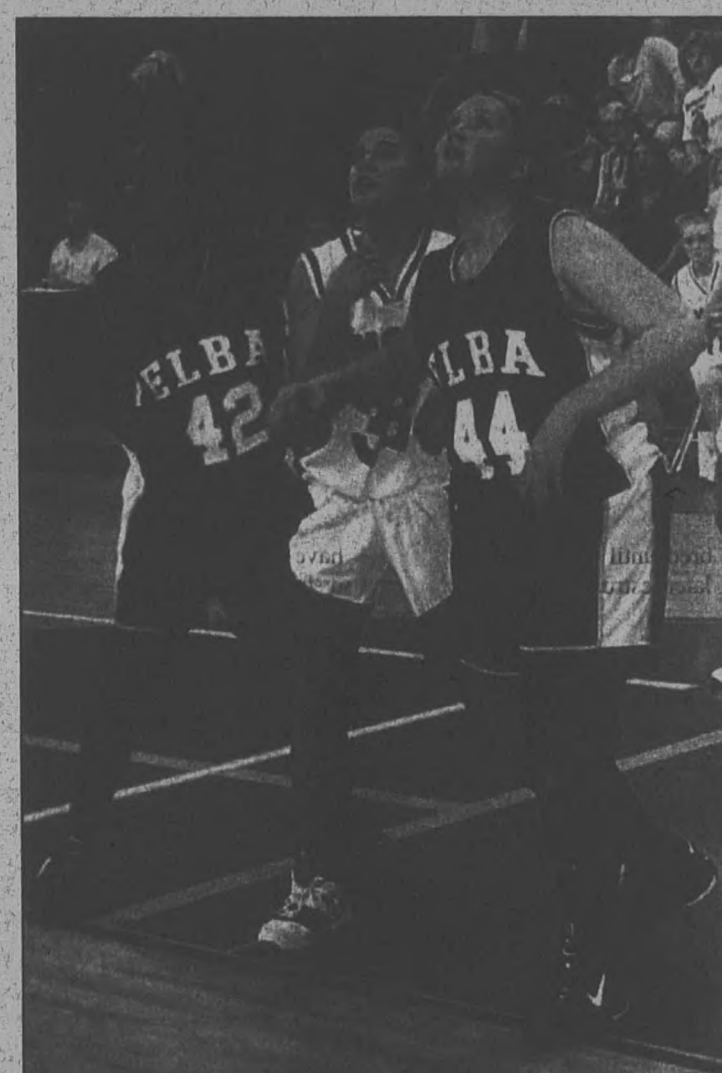
Elba (53): Magwood 6, Cole 10, Reynolds 7, Phillips 9, M. Reynolds 6, McLaughlin 13.

Z.C. (13): Gatlin 4, Winters 5, Black 2, Powell 2.



Elba Tiger Jordan McBride (40) blocks the path to the goal in recent high school basketball action. The Tigers saw their record move to 4-3 last week with a win over Zion Chapel and a loss to Luverne.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



Elba Lady Tigers Keke Oliver (42) and Janice Carnley (44) watch as rebound comes off the rim in recent high school action.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

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Doe management means buck management

By Kevin Holcomb, Wildlife Biologist, Black Warrior WMA

What does "doe management" mean? Among most wildlife professionals, doe management is synonymous with antlerless deer harvest. Antlerless harvest should be one of the most important components of a deer management plan. While most hunters and clubs realize the importance of managing bucks on their property, many fail to realize the importance of managing antlerless deer as well. Many things can be accomplished with an adequate antlerless harvest, all of which ultimately affect the buck population. A balanced sex ratio, shorter and earlier breeding season, increased reproduction and recruitment, and improved herd health are a few of the objectives that can be met with proper antlerless harvest.

Wildlife biologists often encounter concerns about antlerless harvest recommendations when assisting private landowners and hunting clubs with developing deer management plans. Hunters and landowners are often reluctant to harvest does because they are afraid they do not have enough deer. This misconception can often be dissuaded with sound information concerning general deer biology and the affects of antlerless harvest.

One population characteristic that is greatly affected by antlerless harvest is the adult sex ratio. Why is a balanced sex ratio important? If there are a disproportionate number of does in a deer herd, it is reasonable to assume all will not be bred in a timely manner. Many does will not breed and conceive on their first estrous cycle because there are not enough adult bucks in the population. These does may not be bred until their second, third or later estrous cycle, resulting in a long protracted breeding season. Also, these does will give birth later in the year than does that conceived during their first estrous cycle. These late summer, early fall born fawns typically encounter vegetation that is generally poorer in quality and quantity as it "hardens off" for winter. This causes most late born fawns to come out of their first winter in poorer condition than early born fawns. In addition, many late born bucks will have poorer antler development as 1 year olds than fawns born earlier in the year. With an extremely unbalanced sex ratio, some does may not breed at all.

Too many does also means the bucks will have to do very little searching for breeding opportunities, reducing a hunter's chance of seeing a buck. When the number of does greatly exceeds the number of bucks, the bucks do not have to compete for the right to breed. This reduces the number of rubs and scrapes observed during the hunting season. Prolonged breeding seasons wear down more than a shorter, more intense rut. Bucks in this situation enter late winter and early spring in much poorer physical

condition. These bucks face a much tougher recovery period in the spring and summer, which can affect antler development and body weights the following year.

A given habitat can only support a certain number of deer in healthy condition. If the number of deer exceeds this level, habitat degradation and poorer herd health result. About one-third of a deer herd should be removed each year to maintain the population at a stable level. If the sex ratio is balanced, doe harvest should make up between 40 and 60 percent of the overall harvest to maintain this healthy balance.

After only a few years of aggressive and earlier breeding season, many hunters fear the decreased sightings are a result of drastically reduced deer numbers, when in fact, they have only educated the surviving does with the increased hunting pressure.

Fawn production and recruitment typically increase as a result of doe management. Does usually begin breeding at 1 year of age, and if healthy, will reproduce each year until they die. Fifty does in good condition produce more fawns than 100 unhealthy does. Additionally, fawns produced by healthy does tend to have higher survival rates than fawns born in does in poor condition.

When deciding to harvest does, hunters must be careful to avoid harvesting buck fawns or "button" bucks. This can easily be accomplished with just a little practice at identification. Hunters can learn to tell the difference between adult does and fawns by observing body shape and size. By waiting until several deer are present, a size comparison of the deer can be made. Additionally, adult does typically have longer and larger faces than fawns, and the shape of the head on most buck fawns is flatter than a doe's head and the developing pedicels or "buttons" are often visible upon close observation. Behavioral cues may help distinguish age classes of antlerless deer, fawns are usually more playful than adults and are generally not as cautious. Plus, fawns are often the first deer to arrive at a feeding area.

Managing antlerless deer harvest is just as important as managing buck harvest. As a matter of fact, a good deer management plan will always place equal importance on managing bucks and does. Often, in their attempt to meet harvest goals, hunters may forget that hunting does that have been pressured can be just as difficult as trying to harvest a mature buck. Don't overlook this opportunity to enjoy a challenging and exciting hunt when trying to improve your deer herd.

For more information concerning managing a deer herd contact your local Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries District Office or visit the Department of Conservation web site at www.outdooralabama.com and click on Research and Management.

OUTDOORS



Devin Holloway, age 12, killed his first deer on Thanksgiving Day. He is the son of Lynn Gunter and Lavell Holloway.

Happy Holidays



KINSTON REBOUND... A Kinston Bulldog pulls down a rebound in recent action against cross-county rival Zion Chapel.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben
Norman, Winter Driving Tips For Sportsmen

South and central Alabama are fortunate to have the mild winters we experience most of the time. There are few states where we can wear T-shirts and shorts into November. It is our mild winters that can lull us into a sense of false security, especially when it comes to driving. Our northern neighbors have acquired winter driving skills out of necessity. They spend several months a year slipping and sliding on the roads.

We experience many years of blizzard driving conditions, and then we have an ice or snow storm. Another scenario is when we visit a northern state and find ourselves in driving conditions we are not use to.

There are several simple precautions we can take when we find we are going to be driving under adverse winter conditions. The first precaution is making sure we can see out the windshield. The washer fluid reservoir should be filled with a solvent mixture made for deicing. Don't count on the cleaning fluid used for washing windshields with the wiper blades. It will make matters worse if it's cold enough to override the defroster.

A good rule of thumb when in ice and snow conditions is to do nothing quickly. Fast starts will cause traction loss and the tires will dig in. Stopping should be accomplished with slow steady pressure to the brake. Locking the wheels up on snow or ice just results in one losing control of the vehicle.

Our northern neighbors often put on snow tires before the winter season, but most Alabamians feel we have so little adverse weather that it is hard to justify them. An alternative to snow tires is to purchase snow chains. You may never need them, but they take up little space in the trunk, and are a godsend when needed. They are also excellent for traveling on rain soaked secondary roads here in the South.

Driving experts say one of the common errors that get inexperienced winter drivers in trouble is steering incorrectly when they began to lose control of the vehicle. Remember to steer your front wheels in the direction of the skid. If your rear wheels slide to the right, turn the front wheels to the right to straighten the vehicle. If the vehicle over reacts, keep steering in the skid direction. The skidding will diminish as one

Brantley wins opener over Georgiana 70-58

The Brantley Bulldogs tipped off their basketball season last week with an exciting 70-58 win over the Georgiana Panthers. Kevin Pitts poured in 36 points and nailed five three-pointers to lead the Bulldogs, while Thad Frazier added 19 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. Rico Johnson scored 18 points to lead Georgiana.

Lady Bulldogs tip off season with 51-34 win

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs opened their season with a bang last week as they rolled past the Georgiana Lady Panthers 51-34. Taronda Randall scored 18 points to lead Brantley, while Sherry Galle added 16 and Jessica Daniels scored 13. Shataska Mobley scored 10 points to lead Georgiana.

Brantley Bulldogs upset by Red Level 58-57

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their record slip to 1-1 Thursday night with a narrow 58-57 road loss to the Red Level Lady Tigers. Kevin Pitts scored 17 points and Kevin Pitts added 16 to lead the Bulldogs. Jonathan Griggs scored 18 points to lead Red Level.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs roll to easy 50-32 win

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs claimed their second win of the season Thursday night by rolling past the Red Level Lady Tigers 50-32. Jessica Daniels scored 17 points to lead Brantley, while Deaza Sheraton added 10. Briana Pate led Red Level with 11 points.

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels outscored 80-47

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never recovered Thursday night in an 80-47 setback to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Torie Hodge scored 22 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Goshen was led by Zados Pollard with 24 points.

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Family of the late Jack R. Brunson donates scholarship in his memory

The family of a late chairman of the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees and former mayor of Elba has created an endowed scholarship at USA in his memory.

Jack Rushing Brunson of Elba died in March at age 77. He was a longtime member of the USA Board of Trustees, serving continuously since being appointed in 1989 by then-Governor Guy Hunt. Brunson led the board as chairman from 1998 to 2001. The Jack R. Brunson Memorial Scholarship will target nontraditional students when it begins next fall.

"Jack Brunson gave freely of his time and resources to the University of South Alabama," said USA President Gordon Moulton. "This scholarship will honor his memory, and we thank his family for continuing the Brunson tradition of support for USA and its students."

Brunson was a graduate of Starke Military School in Montgomery, attended Troy State College, and earned a business degree from the University of Alabama. He began his career with National Security Insurance Company of Elba in 1953 and was chief executive of The National Security Group at the time of his retirement in 1999. He is a former mayor of Elba and was a Dale Carnegie instructor for many years.

His son, Jack Edward Brunson, said the family knew the scholarship would be something his father would have wanted. He said the family thought an endowed scholarship for nontraditional students would be a fitting tribute to the late Brunson, who took a break from college courses to serve in the military. The Brunsons' \$50,000 gift to the University will fund the scholarship.

"There's not a lot made available to help older, returning students," said Jack E. Brunson. "We thought it would be good to make something available to someone who didn't have any assistance."

The scholarship is part of the University's first comprehensive fund-raising campaign that seeks to raise \$75 million for USA, a pro-life, pro-family, and pro-business organization.

Campaign USA will enrich all aspects of USA, from its academic colleges and schools to its hospitals, athletic programs, libraries and campuses. The money raised will be used to fund such items as undergraduate and graduate scholarships, professorships, classroom and laboratory equipment, and health care innovations. Funds will also be used for capital enhancements to USA's track and soccer programs, a University archives building and campus bell tower.

The campaign is led by some 50 outstanding local and national business leaders.

For information on Campaign USA, go to www.campaignusa.com or call (251) 460-7032.

Tri-State Community Orchestra to Present Holiday Concert

The Tri-State Community Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. James and Ginger Zingara, will present their annual Holiday Concert on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Dothan Cultural Arts Center.

In addition, the orchestra will be hosting the 1st Annual TCO Holiday Art Contest in conjunction with the Dothan Wiregrass Art League. The works of these young artists will be displayed during a reception starting at 6:00 p.m. and will also be shown as part of a musical montage during the concert program.

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commission should wait and accept proposals from any other potential buyer, but commissioner Robert Stephens said the only other person that has shown interest was Foley.

Stephens said the appraisal on the building was \$22,900, and asked county attorney Joe Cassidy his opinion on selling the building at the proposed price. Cassidy responded by

saying he does not see how you can go wrong selling for more than the appraisal.

Commissioners voted 6-1 to sell the building to Alford based on the proposal of \$25,000. Commissioner Dalrymple cast the lone opposing vote.

Due to the Christmas holiday, the next Coffee County Commission meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 22, at 9 a.m.

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